

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3343 - SB 3264

February 24, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a qualified representative of a law enforcement agency to investigate an allegation of animal cruelty prior to an investigation by the county agriculture extension agent. Defines a “qualified representative” as a person contracted with or employed by a law enforcement agency that has completed a course of study covering nutrition, hydration, shelter, and other livestock care standards from an accredited college of agriculture in this state based on curriculum approved by the University of Tennessee extension service.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Agriculture, the requirement that a qualified law enforcement agent has investigated the allegation of animal cruelty prior to their investigation will have no fiscal impact on state government.
- The law enforcement agent will be in the process of investigating animal cruelty allegations; therefore this bill will not result in a fiscal impact on local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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